

IN THE CLAIMS:

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10. (Currently Amended) a A method for producing a filled food product, comprising:
providing (a) a piece of comestible material provided with a preformed internal chamber
and an access opening communicating with said internal chamber, (b) a hollow tubular member
with at least one open end, © a plunger member, and (d) a quantity of flowable comestible
material;

manipulating said hollow tubular member to move said open end along said quantity of
flowable comestible material so that some of said flowable comestible material enters said
tubular member to load said tubular member;

subsequent to the manipulating of said hollow tubular member, inserting a tip of the
loaded tubular member through said access opening;

after the inserting of said tip, pushing said plunger member to eject flowable comestible

material from said loaded tubular member into said internal chamber; and

after the pushing of said plunger member and the ejection of flowable material into said internal chamber, removing said tip from said piece of comestible material.

11. (Original) The method defined in claim 10, further comprising inserting said plunger member into an end of said tubular member opposite said tip prior to the pushing of said plunger member.

12. (Original) The method defined in claim 11 wherein the inserting of said plunger into said tubular member is performed after the manipulating of said hollow tubular member.

13. (Original) The method defined in claim 10 wherein said open end is at said tip.

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20. (New) A method for producing a filled food product, comprising:

providing (a) a piece of comestible material provided with a preformed internal chamber and an access opening communicating with said internal chamber, (b) a hollow tubular member

with at least one open end, © a plunger member, and (d) a quantity of flowable comestible material;

attaching a handle to said tubular member;

after the attaching of said handle, manipulating said hollow tubular member via said handle to move said open end along said quantity of flowable comestible material so that some of said flowable comestible material enters said tubular member to load said tubular member;

subsequent to the manipulating of said hollow tubular member, inserting a tip of the loaded tubular member through said access opening;

after the inserting of said tip, pushing said plunger member to eject flowable comestible material from said loaded tubular member into said internal chamber; and

after the pushing of said plunger member and the ejection of flowable material into said internal chamber, removing said tip from said piece of comestible material.

21. (New) The method defined in claim 20, further comprising inserting said plunger member into an end of said tubular member opposite said tip prior to the pushing of said plunger member.

22. (New) The method defined in claim 11 wherein the inserting of said plunger into said tubular member is performed after the manipulating of said hollow tubular member.

23. (New) The method defined in claim 10 wherein said open end is at said tip.